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SUBJECT: FY-76 AND TQ AMSPEC PROGRAM

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1. WILL STRASMA SATISFY REQUEST FOR ECONOMIST OR MONETARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST (OFFERED IN STATE 099264)? IF SO, MUST KNOW IMMEDIATELY AS HE WILL BE TRAVELLING TO OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL, LEAVING EARLY JUNE.
2. ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT GAKENHEIMER FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.
3. WILL ALSO LOOK FOR ENVIRONMENT EXPERT.
4. MILITARY OR POLITICAL JOURNALIST EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME -- MANY NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ON GOVERNMENT FUNDING, OR NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO ELECTION AND BICENTENNIAL.
5. WILL ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT U.S.-PRC RELATIONS EXPERT.

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6. LATIN AMERICAN HEMISPHERE EXPERT BEING RECRUITED. WILL

ADVISE.

7. WE MAY HAVE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR ETV. ALTHOUGH THIS PROJECT NOT LISTED HIGH PRIORITY IN REFTEL, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

8. OTHERS DOUBTFUL, DUE TO LIMITED FUNDS. FYI: BRAZIL HAS HAD ELEVEN AMSPECS TRAVEL ALREADY THIS YEAR, SEVEN MORE DEFINITELY PLANNED. IF ALL OF ABOVE PROJECTS MATERIALIZE, WILL BRING TO TOTAL OF 23. THIS COMPARES TO EIGHT SENT DURING FY-75, AND IS APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH OF ENTIRE AMSPEC PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA. AMSPEC GRANTS ARE REGIONALLY FUNDED, NO COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS ARE SET AS NOTED REFTEL B, PAR. 3. NUMBER OF GRANTS PER COUNTRY DEPENDS UPON QUALITY OF REQUEST, ABILITY TO RECRUIT SUITABLE CANDIDATE, PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

9. ABOVE SPEAKERS WILL BE FUNDED IN FY-76 AND TQ. SISCO

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